

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) An orthodontic bracket comprising:

a body including a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth and defining an archwire slot; and

a clip comprising at least two different materials and being movable between an open position permitting access to the archwire slot and a closed position inhibiting access to the archwire slot.

8. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein the two different materials are laminated to each other.

9. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein one material coats the other material.

10. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein one material is stiffer than the other material.

11. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein one material comprises a polymer material.

12. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein at least one of said two different materials comprises metal positioned in the lingual portion of the clip.

13. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein other material comprises polymer material (e.g., polyurethane, fiberglass/resin matrix).

14. (Original) An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 7, wherein the clip comprises a lingual portion and a labial portion, and wherein the labial portion of the clip is free from metal.

15-55. (Canceled)